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SUBJ: DESCRIPTION OF NEW SOVIET INTERNAL PASSPORT AND ITS INTRODUCTION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN ARTICLE PREPARED FOR LENINGRAD PARTY PAPER, DEPUTY CHIEF OF LENINGRAD MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DESCRIBED NATURE OF NEW SOVIET INTERNAL PASSPORT AND PROCEDURES FOR ITS INTRODUCTION BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1976. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES MAIN POINTS OF INFORMATION ON INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASSPORT IN LENINGRAD CITY AND OBLAST. END SUMMARY.

2. A. BAKHVALOV, DEPUTY CHIEF OF LENINGRAD MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF INTERNAL AY LCV, WAS AUTHOR OF ARTICLE IN NOVEMBER 13 ISSUE OF LENINGRADSKAYA PRAVDA ON NEW PASSPORT SYSTEM AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECISION OF AUGUST 28, 1974. MAIN AND MOST ESSENTIAL ASPECT OF NEW SYSTEM IS TERMED ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE PROCEDURE OF UTILIZATION OF PASSPORTS FOR ALL CITIZENS REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY RESIDE--IN CITY OR RURAL AREA--OR IN WHAT SPHERE THEY WORK--INDUSTRY OR AGRICULTURE.

3. PRESENT SOVIET INTERNAL PASSPORT WAS TERMED TECHNICALLY OBSOLETE SINCE IT QUICKLY BECAME UNSUITABLE AND WORN AND DID NOT MEET MODERN REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF QUALITY AND APPEARANCE. HENCE, ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADULT CITIZENS OF USSR ARE TO BE ISSUED NEW PASSPORTS BETWEEN

JANUARY 1976 AND 1981. NEW PASSPORT PROVIDES FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AT AGES 16 (INITIAL ISSUANCE), 25 AND 45.

4. INFORMATIONAL CONTENT OF NEW PASSPORTS INCLUDES FAMILY, FIRST NAME AND PATRONYMIC, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, AND NATIONALITY. THERE IS TO BE NO RPT NO ENTRY ON HOLDER'S SOCIAL STANDING (CLASS) "BECAUSE IN CONDITIONS WHEN THE SOCIO-POLITICAL UNITY OF THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, SUCH AN ENTRY BEGAN TO HAVE A FORMALISTIC NATURE." CHANGES IN INTERNAL PASSPORT INFORMATION ARE LIMITED TO FOLLOWING CASES: A) REGISTRATION AND DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGES (ENTRY BY ZAGS); B) NATURE OF MILITARY SERVICE OBLIGATION (ENTRY BY MILITARY COMMIS-SARIATS); C) REGISTRATION OR DEREGISTRATION OF RESIDENCE (ENTRY BY ORGANS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND PERSONS AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF SOVIETS OF RURAL SETTLEMENTS); D) WITH AGREEMENT OF CITIZENS, THEIR PASSPORTS CAN INDICATE BLOOD TYPE (ENTRY BY HEALTH SERVICE); AND E) IN STIPULATED LEGAL INSTANCES, ORGANS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS WILL MAKE ENTRIES IN PASSPORT OF PERSONS REFUSING TO MAKE ALIMONY PAYMENTS THAT THEY ARE SO OBLIGATED. ALL OTHER TYPES OF PASSPORT ENTRIES ARE FORBIDDEN.

5. ISSUANCE OF NEW PASSPORTS IN LENINGRAD CITY AND OBLAST IS TO BEGIN IN JANUARY 1976 WITH PERSONS MAKING DECLARATION OF FORM NO 1, PROOF OF

BIRTH, PRESENTING TWO PHOTOGRAPHS, AND ALL OTHER DATA TO BE TAKEN FROM OLD PASSPORTS. ORDER OF PREFERENCE IN ISSUANCE IS AS FOLLOWS; A) CITIZENS ATTAINING AGE OF 16 YEARS; B) THOSE TRANSFERRING TO THE RESERVES FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE USSR; C) PERSONS LIVING IN A RURAL AREA IN THE EVENT OF THEIR DEPARTURE FOR RESIDENCE BEYOND THE LIMITS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RAYONS FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 45 DAYS; D) CASES WHERE THERE IS CHANGE IN ESTABLISHING ORDER OF FAMILY, NAME, PATRONYMIC; AND E) CASES WHERE OLD PASSPORTS BECOME UNSUITABLE FOR USE. IN LENINGRAD CITY, EXCHANGE OF INTERNAL PASSPORTS WILL TAKE PLACE SUCCESSIVELY IN ALL HOUSING EXPLOITATION OFFICES (ZHEK'S) ON BASIS OF ZHEK LISTS OF ALL PERSONS LIVING IN SPECIFIC PLACES. IN RURAL AREAS OF OBLAST, EXCHANGE AND ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE BASED ON PRIOR LISTS OF CITIZEN RECIPIENTS. ARTICLE NOTES THAT "IN CONNECTION WITH FACT THAT MANY RESIDENTS OF RURAL NON PASSPORTED PLACES PRESENTLY LIVE NOT ONLY WITH PASSPORTS BUT WITHOUT PROOF OF BIRTH, IT IS NECESSARY QUICKLY TO CARRY OUT THE WORK OF RESTORING TO THESE PERSONS THE OFFICIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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